A Quiet Evening and a Glorious Dawn -At 5:30 in the Morning-A Sharp Musketry Fire-The Battle Regun-Surprised.

Early on Saturday, April 5, 1862, we passed Savannah, the headquarters of the general commanding; at noon we made fast to Pittsburg Landing. About an hour afterward we landed, or rather marched up the steep bluff, and encamped 200 feet south of the landing. Four companies, with our ammunition and tents, were sent forward to the advance of the whole army, extreme left of Pentiss' diwhole army, extreme left of Pentiss' di-vision. I was appointed immediately "officer of the day" of the remaining six. This was our first day upon the soil of

This was our first day upon the soil of Tennessee.

Soon as we had selected our "quarters" upon the smooth grass, with the fair blue sky overhead, we set about getting something to eat and drink. The night soon fell and, as its shades began to creep from the east, the merry soldiers near the landing departed for their respective regiments; the stoye was closed; the sutters under canvas let down "the flies" and covered up their truck; the men riding horses trotted into the budding woods; the shades grew nearer, but all was quiet, save an occasional shot to the reuthwest. This, and only this, broke the stillness of the early evening of the eve of the battle of Shiloh.

Not a sound of battle upon the air, no vision of to-morrow's strife mingled with the first slumbers of the Union thousands as they gathered their blankets around them and sank into sweet, soothing sleep on the night of the 5th of April. 1842. In the morning the rustling of isancess, the patter of the mules, indicated that those useful, hardy animals were reireshed; yet the darkness was still intense.

A GLORIOUS DAWN,

A GLORIOUS DAWN. A loud whinny from a big gray horse belonging to one of our field officers startled me. I jumped up, and there be-yond the Tennessee I beheld as glorious a dawn as ever mortal eyes beheld. In a few moments the sun rose over the dusky iandscape and rent the network of night. Birds twittered and sang in the recesses of the ash and the clms; the camp was awakening—ah! Billy Burke climbs into a wagon a little distance to the southward, and with his polished copper bugle counds the receible as it was never heard. sounds the reveille as it was never heard before in the army of the Temessee. The last notes of the bugle had scarcely rolled away in grand reverberations when the thud of a dozen axes were heard prepar-ing fuel for the matutinal meat. Six hundred men making their toiles al fresco was a curious scene. It was the first time they had to sleep upon the ground and "dress" in public, Alas! it was the last night and first of more than a score of these jocund hearts, who kept bantering

these jocund hearts, who kept bantering each other upon the mirror he was using, the kind of soap he had and the scent of the oil he put into his hair.

It was fully 5:30 o'clock in the morning when we set out toward our camp. We didn't know where it lay. We didn't ask many questions about it as we briskly marched alongt hrough Hurlbut's division. The boys were making at treese toillettes: The boys were making at fresco toillettes; the camp kettles hung over a thousand fires and the "veterans" crowded to the end of their "company streets" and fraternally gave the new-comers a warm welcome by clapping of hands, and the usual inquiry: "What regiment?" "What state?" "Bully for you!" etc. But no preparation to renel an you!" etc. But no preparation to repel an enemy. We had barely cleared the line of tents when a sharp musketry fire was heard on our right. "Skirmishing," was A laugh followed, tinued onward; we saw a number of tents through the trees to our right; more on our left. Filing abruptly from the road to the left we entered a pretty piece of un-dulating land and soon after halted upon the ridge of an orchard, at the base of which a bright stream ran gurgling to

THE BATTLE BEGUN. Again the muskets rang out. The general's horse reared and almost threw the rider, who slightly changed color as he firmly held the reins and guided the frightened animal, which immediately dashed into the thicket on the right, followed by the aide-de-camp. He was Ben

Prentiss, of Quincy, Ilis.

The general had hardly gone 100 yards when "the "akirmishing" and the "picket firing" burst into a terrific roar of cannon. We were about to pitch our tents, when from the woods on the other side of the stream a volley on the other side of the stream a volley. came over our heads which sounded like the whirring of partridge. We heard, no shot in our immediate front. We say no one. To fall in, take our muskets and re-tire by the left flank down a ravine and ascend into an opening was the work of a

tew moments.

The battle of Shiloh had begun. About 2 o'clock p. m., after a long tramp in the sun, we moved forward and haited. Am-bulances passed us with their freight of sun, we moved forward and halted. Ambulances passed us with their freight of human suffering, and blood oozing from the floor joints. Forward and halt again for the order. Still the guns thundered and the wounded were borne past us pale and poweriess, but tenderly cared for by all. Forward once more. Halt and lie dow. A sudden voiley on our left found its way to our front. In an instant we were on our feet. The first man to fall was the color-bearer, but he railled on the instant, while the blood from his forehead tinged the flag he held with an iron grip. He was carried to the rear after being relieved. In front and flank the enemy poured a brisk fire into our ranks which cut us down by the score. It was Breckenridge's brigade against a regiment. A battery on our right opened on the enemy, but he steadily advanced, while we sullenly retired, badly hammered it is true, with the red flag of a Louisiana regiment in advance, whose bearer seemed to have a charmed life. Near this place and about this time of the day Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson fell mortally wounded. We were the last troops brought into line of battle on the left on the first day.—Ex-Consul Terrell in Philadelphia Times.

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